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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, LLC, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Defendant/Respondent
Request for Appointment of Hearing Officer and Scheduling Conference
Docket No. 2020-263-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the “Companies”) hereby request the appointment of a Hearing Officer in the above-referenced docket and request such Hearing Officer establish a scheduling conference for the parties in this case.

The issues raised in the Complaint in this matter are complex, significantly fact-intensive and involve legal questions that implicate federal and state law. The complex nature of this complaint is different from the routine customer complaints more often addressed by the Commission. Accordingly, the Companies believe the current procedural schedule issued by the Commission on November 19, 2020, is unworkable and will not leave sufficient time for the case to be ready for a hearing by the Commission on January 26, 2021. This is particularly true given the upcoming holidays and the limited availability of the Companies’ witnesses (and likely other parties’ witnesses and representatives) during that time.

The Companies therefore request the appointment of a Hearing Officer, and request such Hearing Officer hold a scheduling conference so that the parties can collectively address these procedural concerns with the Hearing Officer and work to establish a procedural schedule that is appropriate for the magnitude and complexity of this proceeding.

For clarity, the Companies are not requesting any change to the Oral Argument scheduled for December 10, 2020, or an extension of the due date for the Companies’ Answer to the Complaint.

By copy of this letter, the Companies are serving all parties of record with this request.

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Sincerely,



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C: Parties of Record (via email)